

REMARKS

This is a response to the restriction requirement mailed February 5, 2008, in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that restriction requirement, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to Species A represented by Figure 3, Species B represented by Figure 4, and Species C represented by Figure 5.

Applicant hereby elects Species C represented by Figure 5 which illustrates a method of allowing a customer to place a wager on gaming action with a merchant through an electronic transaction. In this manner, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-7 are directed toward the method depicted in Figure 5.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the application additionally contains claims directed to the methods as shown in Figures 3 and 4. However, Figure 3 illustrates a method of purchasing a product with an escrow management structure, while Figure 4 depicts a method of purchasing online content with an escrow management structure. Applicant submits that Claims 1-7 are not directed to a method of purchasing a product or purchasing online content with an escrow management structure. Rather, Claims 1-7 are related to a method of purchasing gaming action with an escrow management structure. In this regard, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-7 are directed to Species C, and that none of the pending claims are directed toward Species A or B.

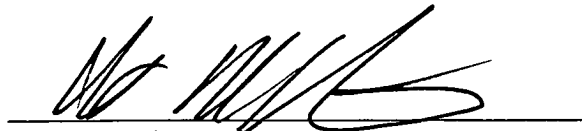
Since Applicant has addressed all of the issues raised in the restriction requirement, Applicant looks forward to the prompt prosecution of the elected claims.

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